

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled herein. All claims find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. Once again, Applicant respectfully requests acceptance of the drawings filed with the application.

In the Office Action mailed on July 23, 2008, claims 1-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,064,849 to Nishikawa et al. (hereinafter **Nishikawa**). Claims 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,064,849 to Nishikawa et al. (hereinafter **Nishikawa**) in view of well known prior art (official notice). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,064,849 to Nishikawa et al. (hereinafter **Nishikawa**). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Exemplary embodiments of Applicant's claimed invention provide methods and devices comprising unique combinations of method steps and features, respectively, including, *inter alia*, a print apparatus, comprising: a display unit; an interface adapted to communicate with a host device; a control unit for determining whether certain language information from the host device has been received through the interface, wherein the language information is display language information of a device driver set when the device driver is installed in the host device to control operation of the print apparatus; and if it is determined that the language information

has been received, displaying display information on the display unit in a language corresponding to the language information.

Nishikawa does not disclose, teach or suggest such unique combinations of features or method steps.

The Examiner stated that the operation of the control unit in claim 1 of the instant application corresponds to the operation of the information processing apparatus of **Nishikawa**. However, the control unit in exemplary embodiments of the present invention is a component of the image forming apparatus, whereas in **Nishikawa**, the information processing apparatus which performs the corresponding operation is the host PC. Therefore, the Examiner's assertion is not reasonable.

Referring to FIG. 2 and amended independent claim 1 in the instant application, when a printer driver is installed in the host device, the display language of the printer is set to be the same as the display language of the installed printer driver. However, in **Nishikawa**, if a printing start command is received, the display language is selected using a local ID in a printer driver. Accordingly, Applicant's independent claims 1, 4 and 7 are patentable over **Nishikawa** at least for these reasons.

The Examiner alleges that **Nishikawa** discloses a control unit for determining whether certain language information from the host device has been received through the interface, and, if it is determined that the language information has been received, displaying display information on the display unit in a language corresponding to the language information (citing column 8, line 13-33 and column 9, line 60 – column 10, line 5 of **Nishikawa**). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's analysis.

Nishikawa discloses that the spooler 302 acquires a local ID from the printer driver 203, loads a resource file, and obtains data from the resource file. As recited in the independent claims 1, 4 and 7, a print apparatus communicates with a host and operates depending on information obtained from the host. However, **Nishikawa** merely discloses that if a local ID has already been stored in the intermediate language format in the spooler 302, the resource file is loaded and data is acquired again by referring to the stored local ID. Nowhere does **Nishikawa** disclose a control unit or

any form of “determining step” to determine whether certain language information from the host device has been received through the interface. Applicant submits that referring to a stored local ID, if a local ID has already been stored in the intermediate language format in the spooler 302, and deciding a display language, as disclosed by **Nishikawa**, has nothing to do with determining whether certain language information from the host device has been received through the interface, and, if it is determined that the language information has been received, displaying display information on the display unit in a language corresponding to the language information, as claimed in Applicant’s independent claims 1, 4 and 7.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 1, 4 and 7 are distinguished from **Nishikawa** and are allowable. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 4 and 7 (and of claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 which depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by **Nishikawa** is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,064,849 to Nishikawa et al. (hereinafter **Nishikawa**) in view of well known prior art (official notice). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant has NOT admitted any prior art in the specification. The text reference by the Examiner from the specification is in a section labeled as “Description of the Related Art” and not “Prior Art”. Also, there are no such legends in the drawings.

Examiner’s official notice does not make up for the deficiencies of **Nishikawa**. Examiner’s official notice was simply used for purportedly teaching a multi-functional peripheral.

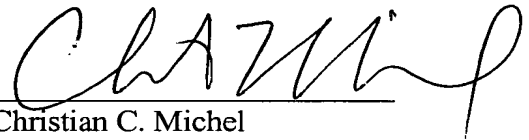
Accordingly, claims 6 and 9 are patentable over **Nishikawa** and Examiner’s official notice at least for these reasons.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of the above-identified application and allowance of claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-9 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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